Regional Rural Banks

686. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Rural Banks functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of these banks proposed to be set up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, State-wise;

(c) the number of banks which were closed being unviable during the last three years;

(d) the profit and loss accounts of each RRBs functioning in Maharashtra as on 31st March, 2003;

(e) the loans of these banks lying outstanding including bad debts as on 30th September, 2003; and

(f) the efforts made to effect recovery and improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are functioning in the country. State-wise number of RRBs is as under:

Sl. No.	States	No. of RRBs
1	2	3
1	Haryana	4
2	Himachal Pradesh	2
3	Jammu and Kashmir	3
4	Punjab	5
5	Rajasthan	14
6	Arunachal Pradesh	1
7	Assam	5
8	Manipur	1
9	Meghalaya	1
10	Mizoram	1
11	Nagaland	1

1	2	3
12	Tripura	1
13	Bihar	16
14	Jharkhand	6
15	Orissa	9
16	West Bengal	9
17	Chhattisgarh	5
18	Madhya Pradesh	19
19	Uttar Pradesh	36
20	Uttaranchal	4
21	Gujarat	9
22	Maharashtra	10
23	Andhra Pradesh	16
24	Karnataka	13
25	Kerala	2
26	Tamil Nadu	3
	TOTAL :	196

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) No RRB has been closed being unviable during the last three years.

(d) and (e) The profit/loss accounts, loans and advances outstanding and % of NPA (Bad debts) of each RRBs functioning in Maharashtra as on 31st March, 2003 (latest available) are as under:

(Rs. Crore)

Name of the RRBs	Profit/ Loss	Loans and advances outstanding	NPA% (Bad debts)
1 2	3	4	5
1. Akola Gramin Bank	0.12	56.79	16.24
2. Aurangabad-Jalna Gramin Bank	(-)3.24	137.59	27.34
3. Bhandara Gramin Bank	(-)1.23	54.80	9.34

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Buldhana Gramin Bank	1.32	43.59	19.48
5.	Chandrapur-Gadchiroli Gramin Bank	(-)2.96	65.02	15.74
6.	Marathwada Gramin Bank	(-)11.09	175.65	39.29
7.	Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Gramin Bank	0.04	57.57	5.04
8.	Solapur Gramin Bank	0.02	47.37	11.43
9.	Thane Gramin Bank	1.30	9.71	16.97
10.	Yavatmal Gramin Bank	1.36	37.09	11.83

(f) The following steps have also been taken to further improve the performance of the RRBs:---

(i) Introduction of Development Action Plan and Memoranda of Understanding on an annual basis for bringing improvement in the performance of the RRBs in a planned way and introduction of prudential norms covering income recognition, assets classification and provisioning norms;

(ii) Diversification of business portfolios and activities.

(iii) Rationalization of branch network including relocation and merger of loss making branches;

(iv) Deregulation of interest rate structure;

(v) Greater role of the sponsor banks in the management of RRBs; and

(vi) Skill upgradation of RRB employees.

As a part of recovery drive apart from RRBs own machinery, the following resources are made available to recover loans.

* Recovery through Lok Adalat.
* Recovery with the help of Government machinery/district administration particularly under Government sponsored schemes.
* Involvement of farmers clubs to improve recovery.
* Recovery through Self Help Group;
* Compromise settlement in chronic over-dues cases;
* Recovery through civil suits under existing legal system